

REMARKS

Claims 2-4 and 8-12 have been canceled. Claims 13-16 and amended claims 1 and 5-7 are in this application.

Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wehmeyer (U.S. 6,169,543) in view of Minoura (U.S. 6,323,833).

Amended independent claim 1 recites in part the following:

"... said schedule table forming means including means for enabling each said pictograph and/or text of each user event and information of each accepted broadcast program occurable within a respective month to be displayed on the single display screen of the respective month of calendar information, in which information of each non-accepted broadcast program is not displayed on the single display screen of the respective month of calendar information." (Emphasis added.)

Accordingly, in the apparatus of claim 1, one month of calendar information may be displayed on a single display screen which may include (i) each pictograph and/or text representative of each user event which are not related to broadcast programs and (ii) information of each accepted broadcast program. In such situation, information of each non-accepted broadcast program is not displayed on the single display screen of the respective month of calendar information. An example thereof is illustrated in Figure 5 of the present application.

In explaining the above 103 rejection with regard to claim 1, the Examiner appears to acknowledge that Wehmeyer fails to disclose the above identified feature of claim 1. In an attempt to overcome such deficiency of Wehmeyer, the Examiner

appears to rely on Minoura and, in particular, Fig. 6, lines 8-15, 26-28, 34-36, and 40-46 of column 4 thereof to disclose such features of claim 1. It is respectfully submitted that such combination of Wehmeyer and Minoura does not disclose the above features of claim 1. That is, although Fig. 6 of Wehmeyer appears to disclose a display menu, such menu appears to include a grid 400a which illustrates all programs within a time period even those which are not selected or accepted by a user. Accordingly, Fig. 6 of Wehmeyer does not disclose ". . . in which information of each non-accepted broadcast program is not displayed on the single display screen of the respective month of calendar information," as set forth in claim 1. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 as presented herein is distinguishable from the applied combination of Wehmeyer and Minoura.

For reasons similar to those previously described with regard to claim 1, it is also respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 5, 6, and 7 are distinguishable from the applied combination of Wehmeyer and Minoura.

Claims 2-4 and 8-12 have been canceled. However, the applicants reserve their right to file one or more continuation applications directed to any or all of claims 2-4 and 8-12.

Claims 13-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wehmeyer in view of Minoura as applied to claims 1,5,6,7 above, and further in view of Shteyn (09/802,618).

Claims 13-16 are dependent from one of independent claims 1, 5, 6, and 7. Accordingly, it is also respectfully submitted that dependent claims 13-16 are distinguishable from the applied combination of Wehmeyer and Minoura for at least the reasons previously described. Further, the Examiner appears to have relied on Shteyn only to disclose the features of claims

13-16 and not to overcome the above-described deficiencies of the applied combination of Wehmeyer and Minoura. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that dependent claims 13-16 are distinguishable from the applied combination of Wehmeyer, Minoura and Shteyn.


As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been overcome, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which the Examiner might have.

If there are any charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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